

The Church Responds to God

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L: We are shepherd and sheep, wounded and healer. In the same spirit,
we are both giver and receiver. Even as we have lavishly received,
so now may we generously give.

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Good Shepherd, who leads and guides us through all the trials and tribulations of our lives, we bring these gifts to celebrate the ministries of justice and hope in which our church is involved. We thank you for the ability to give for the sake of others. Be with us and cause us to grow in our faith and our service. AMEN.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

*HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384 (1-3)
Jeff Ingebriksen

*DEPART WITH BLESSING

Blessed are you, sisters and brothers, we leave this sacred space to
claim the riches and glorious inheritance that are ours through Jesus
Christ. Go out into the world to share your blessings with all in need.

POSTLUDE John Daane

*Please stand if you are able.

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Mission Statement

"Transformed Lives, Transform Communities"
"Bring Them In, Grow Them Up, Send Them Out"

November 22, 2020

9:30 Worship

Christ the King Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

1. If you're at home with your spouse or family **begin by gathering** around the table. If it's just you, maybe you could phone or FaceTime a friend to "join" you for worship.
2. Once you're in place **light a candle** to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit. This is a good way to signal that you are entering into sacred time, and the place where you were chatting and laughing just a moment ago has become a sacred place.
3. **Bring your own Bible** (and a Hymnal).
4. **Turn on your computer, smartphone, or tablet PC**
5. **Login www.monroeumc.com and scroll down**
Or Facebook Live Stream 9:30 am
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CENTERING WORDS

Christ the King Sunday is an opportunity to be reminded who is the one we have chosen to follow. It is an opportunity to give thanks for the author of salvation and the one who has given us the gift of the church, the fellowship of the body that we celebrate each time we gather in person or online.

PRELUDE

Organ

John Danne

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Worship God with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing.

OPENING CHORUS Crown Him many Crowns #327 (1-2, 4)
Jeff Ingebritsen

UNISON PRAYER Robyn Essler
Tender, comforting Shepherd, your steadfast love is present in this place and resides within each of us. But sometimes it is hard, so very hard, to open ourselves to your love. We feel like scattered sheep, frightened and alone. Help us know your loving presence as we live as your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved!
Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED, #881 traditional (insert)

The Church Hears God's Word

Scripture – Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave

me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, ^[a] you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

L: This is the word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Dr. Kim